

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in this application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A method for authenticating a user of an electronic device in a plurality of usage contexts the user is able to use with the electronic device, the method comprising:

maintaining a centralized register of the usage contexts available for the electronic device and pre-stored user profiles, each user profile being associated with at least one usage context, the electronic device entering a particular one of said plurality of usage contexts, said particular one being a selected usage context,

the electronic device identifying said entering,

selecting from the centralized register a user profile in response to said identifying, and performing authentication in the selected usage context by using data from the selected user profile.

2. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the selected user profile comprises at least one of the following: a user key, a user certificate.

3. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 2, wherein said user key further comprises at least one of the following a public key and a secret key.

4. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the selected usage context comprises an event in a service or application being used in the electronic device by the user, said event further comprising at least one of the following: authentication event, verifying event.

5. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the authentication comprises authenticating user's identity when accessing to the selected usage context.

6. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the authentication comprises authenticating a transaction made by the user in the selected usage context.

7. (Previously Presented) An electronic device for authenticating a user of said electronic device in a plurality of usage contexts the user is able to use with the electronic device, the electronic device comprising:

a centralized register of the usage contexts available for the electronic device and pre-stored user profiles, each user profile being associated with at least one usage context,

entering means for entering a particular one of said plurality of usage contexts, said particular one being a selected usage context,

identifying means for identifying said entering,

selecting means for selecting from the centralized register a user profile in response to said identifying, and

performing means for performing authentication in the selected usage context by using data from the selected user profile.

8. (Previously Presented) An electronic device according to claim 7, wherein said performing means are arranged to perform said authentication by using said data from the selected user profile to authenticate the user's identity when accessing the user to the selected usage context.

9. (Previously Presented) An electronic device according to claim 7, wherein said performing means are arranged to perform said authentication by using said data from the selected user profile to authenticate a transaction made by the user in the selected usage context.

10. (Previously Presented) An electronic device according to claim 8, wherein said user profile comprises at least one of the following: user key and user certificate.

11. (Previously Presented) An electronic device according to claim 10, wherein said user key further comprises public key and secret key.

12. (Previously Presented) An electronic device according to claim 11, wherein said electronic device is a mobile communication device.

13. (Previously Presented) An electronic device for authenticating a user of said electronic device in a plurality of usage contexts the user is able to use with the electronic device, the electronic device comprising:

- a centralized register of the usage contexts available for the electronic device and pre-stored user profiles, each user profile being associated with at least one usage context,
- an interface for entering a particular one of said plurality of usage contexts, said particular one being a selected usage context,
- a processor configured to:
 - identifying said entering,
 - selecting from the centralized register a user profile in response to said identifying, and
 - performing authentication in the selected usage context by using data from the selected user profile.

14. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium encoded with a computer program product executable by a processor to perform actions for of an electronic device for authenticating a user of said electronic device in a plurality of usage contexts the user is able to use, ~~the computer program product~~ the actions comprising:

- ~~computer program code for causing the electronic device to maintain~~ maintaining a centralized register of the usage contexts available for the electronic device and pre-stored user profiles, each user profile being associated with at least one usage context,
- ~~computer program code for causing the electronic device~~ entering to a particular one of said plurality of usage contexts, said particular one being a selected usage context,
- ~~computer program code for causing the electronic device to~~ identifying said entering,
- ~~computer program code for causing the electronic device to select~~ selecting from the centralized register a user profile in response to said identifying, and

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~~computer program code for causing the electronic device to perform~~ performing
authentication in the selected usage context by using data from the selected user profile.